(e) the financial grant given to various centres of NITIE during the last three years, year-wise;

(f) whether the Government propose to step up financial assistance to NITIE during the current year;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIYA) : (a) and (b) National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE), Mumbai is an autonomous organisation fully funded by the Central Government. The Institute, on its own, had set up extension Centres for which the Central Govt had no financial commitments. In the past, such extension Centres at New Delhi and Muzaffarpur were closed down because of recurrent losses. During the last three years, the Institute has been running only two extension Centres, at Chennai and at Hyderabad. These Centres have been offering Executive Development Programmes as well as some Diploma/Certificate Courses in Computer applications. Despite some appreciation of these Courses by industries and other organisations as reported by the Institute, these Centres continued to run into losses over the years. During the last three years, these losses were Rs. 20.27 lakhs and Rs. 25.31 lakhs respectively in case of extension Centres at Hyderabad and Chennai. Hence the Institute has decided to close these Centres. The allocation for NITIE, Mumbai for the year 1997-98 (in the Central Government Budget) under Plan and Non-Plan is Rs. 149.00 lakhs and Rs. 345.00 lakhs respectively.

[Translation]

Capability of Indian Army

5778. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any new scheme has been approved to enhance the capability of Indian army;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of J.C.Os and other non commissioned officers working on other posts who are likely to get the commission ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) A new scheme for grant of Commission in the Army for Personnel Below Officer Rank has been approved. Under this scheme, serving JCOs/NCOs/ORs in the age group of 30-35 years with an Army Senior School Certificate Pass (Class XI of CBSE pattern) qualification will be eligible for Commission as Special Commissioned Officers, in the rank of 2nd Lieutenant after screening through Service Selection Board (SSB) and Medical Board. These officers can earn promotion upto the rank of Colonel. They will retire at the age of 55 years.

(c) The new cadre has a ceiling of 6000 officers and a planned intake of 260 officers per annum.

[English]

Panagarh Defence Airport

5779. SHRI SUNIL KHAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to allow Panagarh airport for civil flights;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the Government propose to hand over the said airport to the civil aviation department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

12.01 Hrs.

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Annual Report and Review by Government of the working of the Rashtriya Pariyojna Nirman Nigam Ltd.

[Translation]

THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : Sir, I beg to lay on the Table the following papers

(1) A copy of each of the following papers (Hindi and English version under sub-section(1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:–

(i) Review by the Government of the working of the Rashtriya Pariyojna Nirman Nigam Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96.

(ii) Annual Report of the Rashtriya Pariyojna Nirman Nigam Limited, New Delhi for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts and comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

[Shri Janeshwar Mishra]

(2) Statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above :

[Placed in Library. *See No.* LT-1954/97]

Memorandum of Understanding between the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. and Department of Defence Production and Supply

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV) : Sir, I beg to lay on the Table the following papers :

A copy of the Memorandum of Understanding (Hindi and English versions) between the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited and the Department of Defence Production and Supplies for the year 1997-98.

[Placed in Library. *See No.* LT-1955/97]

Annual Report and Review by the Government of the working of the National Institute of Public Co-operation and Child Development, New Delhi

[English]

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : I beg to lay on the Table:

(1) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the National Institute of the Public Cooperation and Child Development, New Delhi (Volumes I and II) for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts.

(ii) A copy of the Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government of the working of the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development, New Delhi (Volumes I and II) for the year 1995-96.

(2) Statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

[Placed in Library. *See No.* LT-1956/97]

Notification under Sub-Section (4) of Section 124 of the Major Ports Act, 1963 etc.

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : I beg to lay on the Table :

(1) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (4) of section 124 of the Major Ports Act, 1963 :

(i) G.S.R. 31(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 22nd January, 1997 approving the Visakhapatnam Port Employees (Welfare Fund) Amendment Regulations, 1997.

(ii) G.S.R. 36(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 27th January, 1997 approving the Cochin Port Employees (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Amendment Regulations, 1997.

(iii) G.S.R. 66(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 7th February, 1997 approving the Mormugao Port Employees (Supplementary Leave) Amendment Regulations, 1997.

(iv) G.S.R. 161(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 19th March, 1997 approving the New Mangalore Port Trust Employees' (Medical Attendance) Regulations, 1997.

(v) G.S.R. 594(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 31st December, 1996 approving the Mormugao Port Employees (Conduct) Amendment Regulations, 1996.

(vi) G.S.R. 595(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 31st December, 1996 approving the New Mangalore Port Trust Employees, (Allotment of Residences) Second Amendment Regulations, 1996.

(vii) G.S.R. 596(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 31st December, 1996 approving the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (Recruitment of Heads of Departments) 2nd Amendment Regulations, 1996.

(viii) G.S.R. 597(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 31st December, 1996 approving the Bombay (Mumbai) Port Trust Employees (Classification, Control and Appeal) Amendment Regulations, 1996.

(ix) G.S.R. 598(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 31st December, 1996 approving the Mumbai Port Trust Employees (Housing Loans) Amendment Regulations, 1996.

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(2) A copy of the Fourth Supplementary Agreement (Hindi and English Versions) entered into